

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 18-28, and 32-40 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 29 and 32 have been amended responsive to the noted formal objections.

Claims 32 and 40 have been amended responsive to the section 112, second paragraph indefiniteness rejection.

Withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is solicited.

In view of the indication of allowable subject matter, allowance of claim 32 and its dependent claims is solicited.

Claims 29 and 30 were rejected as anticipated by HANEY 4,335,444.

Claims 29, 30 and 31 were rejected as anticipated by SWENSON 5,575,446.

Claim 29 has been amended to patentably recite the present invention, including specifying that 1) each mouth is separate from said loglegged form, and that 2) each of said first opening and said second opening is wider in cross-section than a cross-sectional width of the corresponding first slot and the corresponding second slot.

These features are neither taught nor suggested by the applied art.

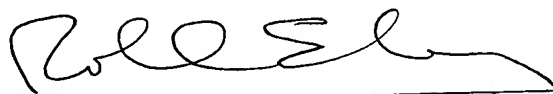
Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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